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2 Ground Restoration Advisory Board meeting was held in the
3 Versailles High School, Versailles, IN at 7:00 P.M. on
4 February 3, 1998.
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7 OPENING STATEMENTS BY MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 Okay I would like to welcome everyone
9 to the Jefferson Proving Ground Restoration Advisory
10 Board meeting. We meet approximately every other month
11 and we are rotating the meetings between Jefferson,
12 Jennings and Ripley County. At the end of the meeting we
13 will announce when the next meeting day is going to be
14 and where. My name is Paul Cloud and I'm with the United
15 States Army. I'm tasked with the environmental clean up
16 of the Proving Ground. And my function with the
17 Restoration Advisory Board is to solicit comments and
18 perspectives from the public on the clean up of the
19 Proving Ground. To my left here is Richard Hill. He is
20 the community co-chair and without further ado I will
21 turn it over to Richard for any opening remarks he may
22 have. And then we will get started on the agenda.
23 Richard.
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1 MR. RICHARD HILL:

2 Thank you Paul. I don't have very
3 much at all. Believe it or not this is actually our
4 January meeting that we had to put off a few times so we
5 finally got here in February. And I've got a sinus
6 infection so I'm not feeling too hot so I'm just going to
7 set down and listen to Paul for a while. But I'm really
8 glad that people could make it tonight. So we will just
9 carry on from that.

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 Before I start the formal
13 presentation we encourage anyone who hasn't to please
14 sign in on the attendance sheet so we can assure you are
15 on our mailing list for future mailings. And also we
16 have a copy of the hand outs that you will be seeing up
17 here on the screen. I think you will be seeing up here
18 on the screen. (Adjusting) Okay. This is our agenda
19 for tonight and as I say this is the items that we will
20 talk about. We have a specific item usually towards the
21 end of the meeting for open discussion. But don't let
22 that delay you in a specific question as we go through on
23 the evening. If you do have a question please feel free
24 to raise your hand. I would encourage you to speak up so
25 that our court reporter can get your comments down for

1 the record. Okay. The first thing I would like to talk
2 about is the transfer and lease options. We talked about
3 how that is done under BRAC facility like JPG is. And
4 basically it's - the first step is getting what's called
5 either a FOST or a transfer or a FOSL for a lease. Those
6 acronyms mean Finding of Suitability to Transfer or
7 Finding of Suitability to Lease. Those are essentially
8 environmental documents. I will let you read that. I've
9 never really been a fan of having someone read to me on a
10 slide. But if you have any questions as to what a
11 specific bullet might be or want further explanation I
12 will be happy to do that. Again these slides are all on
13 the table there so that if you have any problems reading
14 the things on the screen you can just follow along in
15 your hand notes. Now there is some distinction between a
16 FOST and a FOSL and this will tell you a little bit about
17 some of the specifics on those two (2) documents. Again
18 one (1) is for transfer and one (1) is for lease. For
19 anyone that doesn't know what CERCLA is, that is a
20 comprehensive environmental - basically a SuperFund law.
21 And that is a process by which the Army is utilizing to
22 clean up south of the firing line although we are not a
23 formal SuperFund site. Now if I start going too fast
24 through any of these slides let me know and I can slow
25 down. Now here is what a FOSL is. Basically the biggest

1 distinction between a FOST and a FOSL is that a FOSL is
2 environmental mediation or clean up for an easier to
3 understand phrase may not be done yet but the property
4 can be leased for public or private use and that use will
5 not interfere with the continuing clean up. Typically on
6 a transfer that clean up is done or the clean up
7 mechanism is in place and operating satisfactorily and
8 the property can be transferred. So that's the basic -
9 basic distinction between a lease and a transfer. And in
10 either case there - there is a potential to have some
11 types of restrictions on either the lease or the transfer
12 depending on the local clean up that was done and the
13 projected reuse. And here are some of the things that
14 are considered when a FOST or a FOSL is created. You can
15 see a lot of these things apply to JPG. Here are some
16 common restrictions or conditions that might be
17 applicable for either a lease or a transfer. And these
18 would be incorporated in a draft FOST or FOSL that is put
19 out for thirty (30) day comment to the public and the
20 Restoration Advisory Board. We have copies in the
21 library. We have the administrative records which is at
22 Hanover College. If you have an interest and you're not
23 a formal RAB member you can request copies either from
24 Ken Knough who is our site manager or Richard and we can
25 get you copies if you are not a formal RAB member. Okay.

1 As I said the process does involve the public as outlined
2 here. It also involves the EPA and the State Regulatory
3 Agencies. Okay. Now just to go over the completed FOSL
4 that we had at Jefferson, we only have one (1) and that
5 is basically for the entire cantonment area parcel,
6 approximately thirty-four hundred (3400) acres, and that
7 was completed last year. And then the lease was signed
8 also actually year before last. Okay. And here's what's
9 called a Lease in Furtherance of Conveyance so it's more
10 than just a lease because it's the Army's intent to
11 actually convey that property ultimately as it's cleaned
12 to the lessee. And as it says here as the areas are
13 cleaned up we will transfer them. Now we have had a
14 number of FOSTs or transfers that have been completed.
15 The first one (1), actual FOST, the first one (1) was on
16 the pump station downtown Madison. And although it took
17 some time to get it formally transferred it was
18 transferred last August to the City of Madison. They now
19 own that property. Another transfer that was done - this
20 is actually the first transfer to occur although it
21 wasn't the first FOST that was done was to Madison Port
22 Authority. And they now own Building 216 and all the
23 railroad trackage on the Proving Ground, approximately
24 fifteen (15) miles of track. This FOST for the Krueger
25 Lake area, which is the area as you come in the main gate

1 was signed back in November of '96. We expect that that
2 parcel will be transferred sometime this quarter of this
3 year. The deed is I believe in the Army Secretariat's
4 office for signature now. I don't want to say too much
5 more about this. We have a gentleman on the agenda, Mike
6 Early, who is the Base Transition Coordinator who will
7 talk a little bit more about the reuse issues
8 specifically. And now going to some of the UXO removal
9 I've - as a lot of you probably know there was an
10 Archive's Search report done with Jefferson still open.
11 It was done by the Huntsville Corps of Engineers for the
12 Army. They identified approximately this amount of acres
13 in the cantonment area that had a potential for UXOs.
14 The Army's commitment was to clean up UXOs to a depth of
15 four (4) feet below surface. And anything below that
16 would be paid for by the re-user. And this will show you
17 the schedule. You can see here that the first few items
18 have been done. The airfield and the area south of
19 Krueger Lake are in progress and we expect them to
20 continue for some time. Whether or not they go out quite
21 as far as they are indicated there will be a factor of
22 how much they actually find and weather conditions more
23 than anything else. The last area is the western parcel
24 which was at one (1) time part of what Jefferson County
25 had requested for the park but was subsequently removed

1 from their request and will be done last. Okay. The
2 hundred (100) acre parcel was done. That's how many
3 pieces of ordnance we actually found in that hundred
4 (100) acre parcel. That's how much scrap was found. The
5 thirty (30) acre parcel was completed then. You can see
6 that its very location specific as to how much we find.
7 You can also see that we found a lot of scrap no matter
8 where we are. Now this last one (1) was just a surface
9 sweep. Although we found a lot of rounds there only
10 three (3) we believe contained high explosive. All the
11 rest were inert. The airfield is currently in progress.
12 It started last fall and it will probably go through the
13 spring as a minimum. This is current as to up to last
14 week. We get weekly reports from the Corps and we
15 provide that written information and status to the State
16 and EPA and that's where they should be right now.
17 Currently on the area south of the lake they have just
18 started laying out the grid patterns to do the surveys on
19 that so work has started but the actual removals have
20 not. And the last area will be started next year. And
21 that's on the west side. What I would like to talk about
22 now is the program that has just recently been identified
23 and came out for public review and we expect the final
24 regulation to come out sometime this month. It's called
25 TAPP. And what it does is provides technical assistance

1 for public participation on the Department of Defense's
2 Environmental Restoration Program. To put that in
3 layman's terms what it's designed to do is to provide
4 money to public members or community members of the
5 Restoration Advisory Boards. It's funded by the
6 Department of Defense for an end to obtain independent
7 typical evaluation of documents that are vital to the
8 RAB. A case in point would be this spring we expect to
9 get remedial investigation report for our contractor on
10 work that's being done south of the firing line. Now
11 there may not be a lot of technical understanding and
12 expertise on some of the members of the RAB or the
13 community side, but this program would provide the
14 funding for those members to go out and contract with
15 an environmental contractor to review those documents and
16 then to discuss that with the public members so that they
17 could provide an input back to the Army and regulators
18 from a more informed knowledgeable prospective. Okay.
19 This is the basis of what I'll go through on the TAPP
20 program so I have a number of slides that will discuss
21 those specific issues. Again it's to provide independent
22 assistance in interpreting the scientific and engineering
23 issues with regards to the restoration of the facility.
24 And that's the goal. Okay. What you will see now is
25 some of the basics on not only who is it for but how is

1 it obtained. Again the final procedures should start to
2 come out this month and then the community members could
3 follow this process and fill out the appropriate forms
4 and submit it and that would be initiated for this RAB.
5 Okay. If people aren't familiar with the Federal
6 Facility Environmental Restoration Dialogue Committee,
7 that is a national group that is involved with the
8 Department of Defense, the EPA and a number of states and
9 environmental organizations nationwide that provide DoD
10 with a wide range in prospective of "national issues" .
11 And this process was actually identified as something
12 that might be of benefit to Restoration Advisory Boards
13 throughout the country from this committee. The National
14 Defense Authorization Act of 1996 nationally authorized
15 into law the funding for the TAPP Program and has taken
16 this long to go through that process to draft a proposed
17 regulation and put it out for public comment in the
18 Federal Register and then respond to those comments,
19 hopefully as I said this month come out with its final
20 process and then implement it and make those funds and
21 that process available. Again the final rule should come
22 out as Richard and I were told about a week and a half
23 ago in Chicago hopefully this month. Now here is some of
24 the requirements under the National Defense Authorization
25 Act for obtaining a TAPP grant. If you can't see it over

1 here (indicating) on the last line on the right hand side
2 there is significant underlined or. And that's the or.
3 You can see that not only is it to provide a technical
4 expertise where none is but it will or is likely to
5 contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the
6 public acceptance of the clean up at a facility that is
7 justification for requesting and obtaining funds for this
8 process. Okay. This is another part of the process as
9 far as other mechanisms or means that have to be
10 investigated before the TAPP funds can be requested.
11 Some of these may be applicable to JPG and some of them
12 may not. Now the first one (1) up here under the EPA
13 this is for FBL sites. That would not be applicable to
14 JPG. The second one (1) however may be but it's not
15 clear right now whether that would be or not. Okay.
16 This is another part of that process and you can see as
17 you go down through some of these items that once the
18 application is submitted and it's been approved there are
19 certain funding limitations on how much money can be
20 obtained in any given year and a total amount of money
21 for RAB. That's all laid out there. Bill?

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23 MR. BILL CORNING:

24 Paul is - what's that got to do with
25 Ripley County?

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 What it would do not only for Ripley
3 but for Jennings and Jefferson is as I said April-May
4 time frame we expect to have the technical document out
5 for review on the clean up of the Proving Ground.
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7 MR. BILL CORNING:

8 South?
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10 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

11 That will come - south of the firing
12 line. But that will - that will come to you as a RAB
13 member or as a general member of the public for comment.
14 Now if you don't have an understanding of some of the
15 technical issues there but you feel that you want to
16 review it and provide or form a comment on that what you
17 have to do is provide money to hire a contractor who is
18 knowledgeable and either train you to understand it or we
19 do a review of the document and then discuss it with you
20 in terms that would make it easier for you to understand
21 and you can come back to the Army at a RAB meeting and
22 provide us with - based on your review, the contractor's
23 review, your increased and better understanding of those
24 issues, now here are the terms and here are your
25 perspectives and here are your priorities. And that will

1 be factored in how the Army would proceed along with the
2 State and EPA on how we would clean up that area. But it
3 is for south of the firing line.
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5 MR. BILL CORNING:

6 You see the word I get from people in
7 Ripley County is it's contaminated. You say its
8 contaminated. We have no objections. You're telling us
9 the straight stuff. We will never get to use it for
10 anything because you have already leased it to the Fish
11 and Wildlife. So it looks to me like this TAPP we've got
12 here if we applied for it would be a real good waste of
13 money.
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15 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

16 Well first of all the Proving Ground
17 is not leased to the Fish and Wildlife Service.
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19 MR. BILL CORNING:

20 Well they are operating it for you.
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22 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

23 Well they are not even operating it
24 for us.
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1 MR. BILL CORNING:

2 Well you're paying them two hundred
3 and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to do something.
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5 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

6 We're paying them to what they are
7 expert at which is wildlife management. And that is the
8 MOU that the Army and Fish and Wildlife entered into so
9 we are paying for a service. They are not lessees. They
10 don't own or control any of the property at this current
11 time.
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13 MR. BILL CORNING:

14 Okay.
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16 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

17 And that's north of the firing line.
18 That's true.
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20 MR. BILL CORNING:

21 So in other words this wouldn't
22 really do a thing for us because we can't go over there
23 to use it for over thirty (30) years anyway.
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1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 At the current time for north of the
3 firing line that's correct. However should at a future
4 date some action be taken north of the firing line this
5 would be applicable and of benefit to someone. What you
6 say is current now. But it may not be current two (2)
7 years from now or five (5) years from now. We all know
8 that things can change.

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10 MR. BILL CORNING:

11 Yeah. Our agreement went out the
12 window. That changed.

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14 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

15 Did I answer your question there?

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17 MR. BILL CORNING:

18 Yes you did Paul. Thank you.

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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 Yes sir?

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23 MR. JOE HALL:

24 I guess I just need to be brought up
25 to speed a little bit in regards to this. But what you

1 were referring to was the property that Ripley had
2 requested?

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4 MR. BILL CORNING:

5 All the property that Ripley County -

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7 MR. JOE HALL:

8 Three (3) or four (4) years ago?

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10 MR. BILL CORNING:

11 Yes.

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13 MR. JOE HALL:

14 And the property that Jennings had
15 requested?

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17 MR. BILL CORNING:

18 Yes.

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20 MR. JOE HALL:

21 Three (3) or four (4) years ago?

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23 MR. BILL CORNING:

24 Yes.

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1 MR. JOE HALL:

2 And that's what this is - the purpose
3 of this is to perhaps address that?
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5 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

6 No. No sir. What I think - I think
7 there may be some confusion at this point in that. The
8 community did make a request for more property. However
9 on BRAC facilities there is a certain it's called
10 property screening process that is very specific as to
11 who has first right, second, third right so on and so
12 forth. And the basic sequence is other agencies and
13 Department of Defense and then it goes other federal
14 agencies. Then it go to the homeless for a try and then
15 it goes to state and then basically the local/community.
16

17 MR. JOE HALL:

18 Un-huh (yes).
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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 During that process the Fish and
22 Wildlife Service requested everything north of the firing
23 line. In fact they even requested initially acreage
24 south of the firing line but it was subsequently
25 modified meaning that was taken out. So the property

1 that was excess, made available, was south of the firing
2 line. The community made an application, what's called
3 an Economic Development Conveyance Request for that
4 property. That was submitted to the Army back in 1995.
5 It was found to be deficient. Subsequent to that the
6 property was put up public sale, public bid. And that's
7 how we have gotten to where we are now. And it was put
8 up for bid. We identified the high bidder and that is
9 the lessee who is - who has now has the Furtherance of
10 Conveyance. The only property that was ever accessed,
11 made available for reuse south of the firing because Fish
12 and Wildlife have a legal claim on anything north of the
13 firing line. That's a pretty short and a compact version
14 to bring you up to speed.

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16 MR. JOE HALL:

17 I understand. I was part of the
18 Reuse Committee so I was somewhat aware of that how
19 things can change. I thought maybe it had been opened
20 back up to where --

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22 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

23 No. No.
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1 MR. JOE HALL:

2 Where maybe Jennings and Ripley would
3 have an opportunity. Okay.
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5 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

6 Any other questions to this point?
7 Again as I said you can see here that there is a process.
8 This outlines some of the major steps. There are some
9 funding restrictions on it but it's not a lot. It's a
10 bit of money. However I have been told that should a
11 particular RAB have a justifiable means of funds in
12 excess for that year, per year or total, then that could
13 be requested for an exemption or a waiver. But that
14 would case specific. And now here is some of the things
15 that are eligible for these funds. So there are a number
16 of items. Again probably one (1) of the more appropriate
17 or specific ones that would be of interest to an area
18 that doesn't have a lot expertise in the environmental
19 matters would be at the bottom, would be training. But
20 the flip side -- Mike?
21

22 MR. MIKE EARLY:

23 Can you flip back to that chart?
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1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 No.

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4 MR. MIKE EARLY:

5 You're having technical problems?

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7 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 Yeah.

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10 MR. MIKE EARLY:

11 Ripley and Jennings County as well as
12 Jefferson County may be interested in part of that
13 because I sense that they may have an interest and long
14 term environmental changes may or may not take place.

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16 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

17 Okay. Just as those were some of the
18 eligible items that could be - the funding could be used
19 for, you have a flip side to that. Things that the money
20 would not be granted for. Obviously the Department of
21 Defense and the Department of the Army in this case will
22 not fund - pay someone so they could go home and sue us.
23 That doesn't make a whole lot of sense. Somewhat similar
24 but a little different, again it wouldn't be to generate
25 new data. It would be to review things that we are

1 currently generating and obligated for. It wouldn't be
2 to open up something that's already been decided for if
3 it doesn't dispute with the Department of Defense. The
4 last one is down there basically because the Army has a
5 separate program for the community outreach and community
6 relations. So it would be almost like doing the same
7 thing twice. That's - so that's why the last one is down
8 there as community outreach to bring -- However there
9 is an appeal process so don't feel that if you may have
10 an application and it's objected that would be the end of
11 the story. You can make an appeal and there are basic
12 ground rules for that appeal and these are basic outlines
13 of what are to be done for that appeal. When it says the
14 majority of members again this would mean community
15 members. It wouldn't be appropriate for the Army to have
16 a voice in that because it's not an Army matter per se.
17 It would be the majority of the community members would
18 have to agree on the appeal. In summary for the
19 community members of the RAB to provide independent
20 technical assistance demonstrated need or it would aid in
21 the acceptability of a particular clean up method with
22 the community those are justifications for making
23 application. There are funding limitations or
24 restrictions. And it will be effective on publication of
25 the final rule which we have been informed will be this

1 month. The last thing I would like to go over here is a
2 couple of things which need to be done or are being done
3 in the community involvement. JPG web site, we have a
4 draft web site that's currently being reviewed and not
5 for the public display yet. We hope to have it up on the
6 web in March. When that is ready we will give a separate
7 presentation, probably multiple presentations for all
8 three (3) counties in different locations. This is the
9 actual web address. If you access that right now on the
10 web all you will get is one (1) of those standard under
11 construction logos that you would see if you went to
12 another web site you would see - a -- would have to come
13 up on line. But that is the web site address. But right
14 now as I said it's not up.

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16 MS. LINDA GREENE:

17 Are you hoping early March or late
18 March?

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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 Right.

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23 MS. LINDA GREENE:

24 Why didn't I know that?
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1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Okay. For those of you that don't
3 know DOD's proposed range rule this is to address the
4 issue of unexploded ordnance at closed, closing, or
5 transferred facilities. That is JPG in a nut shell. So
6 if we include more than BRAC facilities JPG is under that
7 definition. Now that rule was published in the Federal
8 Register back in September of last year. The ninety (90)
9 day comment period has now expired. The Department of
10 Defense is reviewing those comments. My current
11 information is the time schedule they are looking at
12 sometime this summer to come out with a final rule. And
13 that's how UXO will be addressed at all closed, closing,
14 or trans - closed, transferring or transferred ranges
15 which is where JPG falls. As more information on the
16 range rule comes out we will keep you informed and how it
17 will be implemented and affect JPG. We will provide that
18 information also. And with that that is the end of my
19 presentation. Mike Early, the Base Transition
20 Coordinator, will add a few words on reuse specifically.
21 You are not going to use this Mike?

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23 MR. MIKE EARLY:

24 No. My improvement is that I'm not
25 even going to have any slides at all tonight. Basically

1 we have - we have one (1) major issue that Paul has
2 already talked about and that is the transfer of thirty-
3 six (36) acre of the JPG cantonment area. That was
4 completed in late December to Mr. Dean Ford. And we have
5 - Mr. Ford's plans right now he is planning to further
6 convey that to the Indiana Department of Transportation
7 where they will establish a regional highway maintenance
8 facility on those thirty-six (36) acres. Essentially
9 they will be using the - the equipment maintenance
10 building that we used for government equipment to be
11 maintaining highway maintenance equipment in those
12 buildings. So it's essentially a like use and I think
13 that's really good for the community at large, a good
14 effort. We do not have any other FOST or Findings of
15 Suitability to Transfer that we are working on right now.
16 I hope to be working on a couple of those in the near
17 future. But nothing firm at this time. We are still
18 maintaining a dialogue with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife
19 Service on a long term relationship for the area north of
20 the firing line. We have only opened that and that will
21 take some time to see if that matures. Is there anyone
22 who has any questions?

23
24 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

25 I have a question.

1 MR. MIKE EARLY:

2 Yes sir?

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4 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

5 My name is Steve Vaughn.

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7 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 Could you either move up or speak up
9 so that your remarks will record?

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11 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

12 My name is Steve Vaughn and I
13 recently read in the Versailles Republican about the
14 authorization of Sites - Sites Act? And it was basically
15 allowing public hunting and fishing on government land.

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17 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

18 She still can't hear you. If you
19 will go up to the table.

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21 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

22 Okay. I'm wondering about the Sites
23 Act if that was just re-authorized and basically what it
24 says in here (indicating) that it's worked with Fish and
25 Wildlife performing the military to provide public access

1 for hunting and fishing and trapping of other uses.

2
3 MR. MIKE EARLY:

4 Un-huh (yes).

5
6 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

7 Has anybody seen that?

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9 MR. MIKE EARLY:

10 The question is you're talking about
11 a re-authorization of the Sites Act which does provide
12 fishing - as I understand it, the Sites Act, and I'm not
13 that familiar with it, we, the United States Army and I
14 guess really the Department of Defense and their bases
15 work with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the states I
16 believe are also involved in that. In this case it would
17 be Indiana Department of Natural Resources on hunting and
18 fishing programs.

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20 MR. KEN KNOUGH:

21 Mike I have a comment. My name is
22 Ken Knough. Steve, the Sites Act was re-authorized. JPG
23 of course when it closed - you know when we used to have
24 the state hunts where state hunters would come up for
25 deer at Christmas hunting.

1 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

2 Right.

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4 MR. KEN KNOUGH:

5 The Sites Law, the bill did allow
6 some state hunters to come back and deer hunting. The
7 Fish and Wildlife Service was managing that. This year
8 we are going to allow state hunters to come in and do
9 some turkey hunting. So there are some very full limited
10 access possibilities in the way of the general public if
11 they're interested in hunting to have a chance to come
12 in.

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14 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

15 Okay. The way I understood that that
16 worked recently was that only law enforcement officers,
17 conservation officers, like that. Basically people --

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19 MR. KEN KNOUGH:

20 Yeah. Up until last fall that's
21 pretty much the disposition of the staff. But now with
22 the Fish and Wildlife Service we can kind of get back in
23 the program that we used to have that - you know to allow
24 folks like yourself to come in and do some turkey
25 hunting.

1 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

2 And what about the fishing? Is that
3 also? Or is that something different?
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5 MR. KEN KNOUGH:

6 It's a possibility that it can still
7 work.
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9 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

10 Thank you.
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12 MR. MIKE EARLY:

13 Thank you Steve. Is there anyone
14 else?
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16 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

17 Okay we're now basically to the time
18 of the meeting where it is open for general comments or
19 open section. So if there are any questions that you
20 have we would be glad to either answer them if we can or
21 take them back and get an answer and come back. Bill?
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23 MR. BILL CORNING:

24 I just want to make a statement, not
25 a question. Well yeah one (1) question. How much longer

1 are you going to run the RAB? Do you have any idea?

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MR. PAUL CLOUD:

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MR. BILL CORNING:

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I have discussed this and you can look right in this room at how many local citizens are here. That shows you the interest. I've discussed this with - at the Lion's Club, Soil and Water Conservation District, Historic Hoosier Hills, which covers nine (9) counties and these people, and I'm one (1) of them, we were interested in JPG and we were told as many of us know that this would be a possibility for the counties to get some property for needs that the county had. We realize that all the deals that were cut were voided. The citizens that I've talked to in Ripley County first they know that the place is contaminated, they know that there is some speck uranium there. They are not concerned about that. They are not worried about some diesel oil spilled out in the woods some place. They don't give a hoot about that. So all this technical stuff and the EPA and all this stuff that's going on over there, the general public really doesn't care about it. And that's why I wondered how much longer the RAB is

1 going to - because you know we all get together every
2 couple of months and have a nice evening and I get to
3 make my little speech. I know what the answer is before
4 I ever open my mouth but then I feel better after I say
5 it. And I was just wondering how much longer it's going
6 to go?

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8 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

9 Again I don't have a specific date.
10 There are specifics on when RABs are disbanding. A
11 couple of examples would be we're done with the clean up
12 okay? Another specific would be if the community wishes
13 to have the RAB disbanded. That would be another one
14 (1). To the best of my knowledge with the exception of
15 one (1) facility that has completed their clean up, that
16 is the only RAB that has been disbanded. We are talking
17 approximately a hundred (100) bases throughout the
18 country. So there are some RABs that have very serious
19 problems with internal for RABs. It's not that they're
20 not involved. It's not that they don't care. But there
21 are very serious problems with the RABs and there was
22 serious consideration of having to disband that RAB but
23 it wasn't. So with the exception of one (1) RAB that I'm
24 familiar with that ceased to exist because they are done,
25 all the rest of them still exist. But there are some

1 mechanisms for disbanding the RAB. It just hasn't been
2 done.

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4 MR. BILL CORNING:

5 We enjoy having all you people come.
6 I enjoy getting together with you every time.

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8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 This RAB is somewhat unique I - I
10 won't dispute that. But - and while there aren't a lot
11 of environmental concerns it does perform other functions
12 than that. And so there are - there are other reasons to
13 continue this RAB even if there isn't to quote you there
14 isn't a lot of concern for environmental issues, there
15 are other reasons to continue this RAB for the
16 foreseeable future. But it does provide a mechanism for
17 - to discuss many of these issues and something that
18 maybe I should of right now six (6) months, a year, two
19 (2) years, five (5) years from now may change. So that
20 affords the community that opportunity, not only to stay
21 informed but should an opportunity come up to express
22 some of their desires for that new opportunity.

23 MR. KEN KNOUGH:

24 --- I think you're right.
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1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Ken I can't hear you. John?

3 MR. JOHN MANLEY:

4 I just wanted to talk about your
5 concerns. I've been to other RAB meetings and it is true
6 that this is unique because south of the firing line has
7 already been leased. North of the firing line is
8 probably going to go to U. S. Fish and Wildlife. The
9 other RABS, they are still in there. They are in the
10 beginning process of determining who gets what. And that
11 has already taken place to a certain extent here. So it
12 is a lot different than other RABS.

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14 MR. PHIL MANN:

15 Has everybody heard anything at all
16 about payment in lieu of taxes? Is that a dead issue?
17 The man that I had a point of contact with is no longer
18 in that capacity. Mr. Holmes. Is that - has that been
19 swept under the carpet, nobody wants to talk about that?

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21 MR. MIKE EARLY:

22 No not at all. The question that
23 Phil asked is what is the status of something called
24 payment in lieu of taxes which was a question that was
25 asked a couple of RAB meetings ago which we responded to

1 in a previous RAB meeting. The current law that is
2 written provides a payment in lieu of taxes for land that
3 is held by the Fish and Wildlife Service and a particular
4 county cannot bring that into the tax roles. So there is
5 a payment in lieu of taxes. The question was asked -
6 Phil I think asked it a couple of meetings ago, how does
7 that apply to Jefferson Proving Ground because it's Army
8 land that Fish and Wildlife is performing a service or
9 they're managing natural resources. Does that particular
10 statute apply? I've got an answer to that and that
11 statute does not apply because it is not land that is
12 owned by the Fish and Wildlife Service. If the impact
13 area of the land north of the firing line would become a
14 refuge and the Army you know passes that title to the
15 Fish and Wildlife Service then that area would fall under
16 that statute for payment in lieu of taxes.

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18 MR. PHIL MANN:

19 Is there any way to get the Army to
20 pay it?

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22 MR. MIKE EARLY:

23 No unless the law is changed.
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1 MR. PHIL MANN:

2 Congress can make laws can't they?

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4 MR. BILL CORNING:

5 But Mike you told us at other
6 meetings that as long as that's out of the contaminated
7 DoD could not transfer it to U. S. Fish and Wildlife
8 because they would not assume the responsibility for the
9 contamination.

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11 MR. MIKE EARLY:

12 No sir. Let me clarify that. The
13 Army cannot pass title to land out - that is contaminated
14 with unexploded ordnance outside of the federal
15 government.

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17 MR. BILL CORNING:

18 Right.

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20 MR. MIKE EARLY:

21 The concerns we have been dealing
22 with with the Fish and Wildlife Service is over the
23 liability for unexploded ordnance, the environmental
24 site, the depleted uranium, the landfill, all of the
25 conditions that are north of the firing line. And those

1 are the kinds of issues that we are addressing.

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3 MR. BILL CORNING:

4 But they say they will not accept
5 responsibility for any liability of that.

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7 MR. MIKE EARLY:

8 There's a - yes there is a difference
9 in outlining the responsibilities for the liability as
10 opposed to transferring title. As an example - you know
11 we could transfer title and describe how the Army would
12 be responsible for the things that the Army put there.
13 If the Fish and Wildlife Service erects some other
14 building or does whatever they do, then they bear the
15 environmental responsibility for what they do on what is
16 now their land. Does that clarify that?

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18 MR. BILL CORNING:

19 I guess.

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21 MR. MIKE EARLY:

22 In other words we pay for what we
23 did. They pay for what they did or would do.

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MR. BILL CORNING:

Yeah.

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

Any other questions or comments?

MR. PHIL MANN:

Doesn't refuge land have to be
cleared to a depth of one (1) foot? Isn't that a
regulation?

MR. PAUL CLOUD:

No.

MR. PHIL MANN:

It's in our ---

MR. MIKE EARLY:

If we can get the clearance, UXO
clearance it depends on the reuse.

MR. PHIL MANN:

Some areas it may be a refuge?

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 There may be some areas of refuge
3 that would require surface clearance and there may be
4 some areas of the refuge that would require to a one (1)
5 foot clearance and there may be some areas of the refuge
6 depending on the specific needs that would require a four
7 (4) foot clearance. But anything that might be
8 transferred to Fish and Wildlife that would require a
9 clearance would be something that would be negotiated
10 between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army. If
11 they came to an agreement then that's what would be done
12 for those specific types of reuse. So it may not be the
13 whole reuse of the whole area because the whole refuge
14 may not be accessible to the public.

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16 MR. PHIL MANN:

17 But nobody will negotiate for anybody
18 for a county reuse?

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20 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

21 You can't negotiate to the counties
22 if the property is not available to it. If it were
23 accessed and it were available then we would be able to
24 do that. We cannot --

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1 MR. PHIL MANN:

2 It's not available to the county
3 because the Army won't pay to clean it up but the
4 property --

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6 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

7 No that's not true.

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9 MR. PHIL MANN:

10 It is true.

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12 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

13 It has nothing to do with what the
14 Army will or will not pay to clean it up. The law
15 requires that there's a specific screening process for
16 access for the property. If Fish and Wildlife had not
17 asked for it then it would have come to the state. If
18 the state had not asked for it then the counties would
19 have had that opportunity. Regardless you know they were
20 not provided that opportunity because it was not
21 accessed. It was not made available. It has nothing to
22 do with how much the Army will pay.

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24 MR. PHIL MANN:

25 I know you've clarified it in your

1 own mind but it hasn't been clarified in my mind and it
2 never will because it doesn't add up.

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4 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

5 Any other comments?
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7 MR. BILL CORNING:

8 Well you were in the Army.
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10 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

11 I retired from the Proving Ground
12 down there. I've been to a few of these meetings.
13 What's going to happen one (1) of these days on the
14 security at the north end of it? What is going to happen
15 when one (1) of them rounds ends up downtown Madison or -
16 -- ? There's no security up there. There's nothing
17 except Phil and Al Harmon during the day.
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19 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

20 There is current jurisdiction of the
21 facility. What that means is that not only is there law
22 enforcement from the federal side, whether the Army or
23 whoever, but also state has jurisdiction up there.
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1 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

2 On paper it might be outstanding.
3 But in actual use, no. It doesn't work. There's one (1)
4 guy that I know of that goes in there and checks. And
5 that's the deputy sheriff of Ripley County.

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7 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

8 That is up to the community as to how
9 much of their resources they want to allocate for that
10 function. They have the jurisdiction.

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12 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

13 But shouldn't the Army be responsible
14 and kind of do something?

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16 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

17 The Army is responsible if any rounds
18 are found. They will address and take care of those.

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20 MR. BILL CORNING:

21 Paul how much money has DoD or
22 whoever paying Ripley County to have some jurisdiction
23 over that to chase somebody that's in there?

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 There is no mechanism for the Army to
3 provide funds to the counties for that function.

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5 MR. BILL CORNING:

6 But - but you want us to protect it.

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8 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

9 The Governor of the State of Indiana
10 took that obligation on for the State.

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12 MR. BILL CORNING:

13 But we don't get anything. Why does
14 the state get it?

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16 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

17 That is an issue that the county
18 should have addressed to the Governor before they signed
19 the document obligating the State. That was not
20 something that the Army forced upon the State. That was
21 a decision made by the Governor. Yes sir?

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23 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

24 Well back again Mr. Knough can verify
25 it and as you know I'm gate tender down there. I see a

1 lot of stuff that goes on. The last couple or three (3)
2 months there's been a car stolen down there. The past
3 weekend there was another building broken into. It's
4 like thirty-four hundred (3400) acres of no law -
5 lawlessness.

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7 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

8 Again the State --

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10 **MR. ALBERT GEISLER:**

11 And the State - well.

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13 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

14 We understand that. We have had the
15 Prosecuting Attorney discuss that issue with the local
16 judge. There is a jurisdiction that the State does have
17 and they can enforce it should they so seek. We
18 understand that there are other issues besides that but
19 that opportunity is there. Any other comments or
20 questions? Yes sir?

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22 **MR. STEVE VAUGHN:**

23 Within the - I know you've got Fish
24 and Wildlife managing part of it but does any of that
25 include upkeep of Old Timbers Lodge?

1 MR. MIKE EARLY:

2 The specific answer to your question
3 is no. We have a separate memorandum of agreement with
4 the Air National Guard and the Air National Guard,
5 Indiana National Guard has signed that agreement and the
6 Indiana National Guard is working on upkeep of Old
7 Timbers Lodge and the Oakdale School House and the stone
8 arch bridges that are all on the historic register. So
9 Old Timbers Lodge is being taken care of.

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11 MR. BILL CORNING:

12 Mike let me ask you a question.
13 Where does the guards get their money? Does DoD pay for
14 part of the Air National Guard?

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16 MR. MIKE EARLY:

17 Yes.

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19 MR. BILL CORNING:

20 Okay. So in other words you take it
21 out of one (1) pocket and put it in another one (1)
22 basically.

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24 MR. MIKE EARLY:

25 At the macro level yes.

1 MR. BILL CORNING:

2 Okay.

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4 MR. MIKE EARLY:

5 Where it - Bill where it makes a
6 difference is in the ind - is in the individual services
7 and what they have in their particular pockets you know.
8 And that's something that's done not just here but
9 government wide, not only within the Army and the
10 Department of Defense but among different agencies
11 because of the way the funding is handled in the federal
12 government.

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14 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

15 Yes sir?

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17 MR. MICHAEL SWANGO:

18 Back at the cantonment area what -
19 what was the cost of cleaning that up? What has the Army
20 spent on transfer of that?

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22 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

23 Well it hasn't - with the exception
24 of the thirty-six (36) acres that was just transferred
25 and the railroad trackage and the one (1) building,

1 that's all that's been transferred. The bulk of the
2 thirty-four hundred (3400) acres has not been transferred
3 yet. The next parcel that will be transferred is the
4 approximate two hundred (200) acres that will go to the
5 county. There is no contamination in that parcel nor
6 were there any in the other areas that have been
7 transferred so the cost to clean those areas up was zero
8 (0). Estimate to clean up the cantonment area, and
9 that's for environmental sites and for unexploded
10 ordnance, is approximately forty (\$40,000,000) to sixty
11 million dollars (\$60,000,000). And that money would have
12 been spent regardless of who got the property, whether it
13 was a private individual as in the actual case or had it
14 been the State or community or anyone else.

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16 **MR. MICHAEL SWANGO:**

17 If the Army was willing to spend that
18 kind of money to sell a piece of property for what they
19 got for it what is it worth to Ripley County and Jennings
20 County to get two hundred million (\$200,000,000) a piece
21 for development in sales since the Army has closed this
22 place outside of the Proving Ground?

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24 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

25 I'm not quite sure I understand your

1 question.

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3 MR. MICHAEL SWANGO:

4 Well it is - my question is the money
5 that you spent to release property over - is really
6 pretty unbelievable to a community as we are. What - you
7 know there's no chance and it's not possible north of the
8 firing line to really clean this up or do anything. I
9 mean it's nothing but a liability. The Army has talked
10 about this from day one (1). Liability. We give it to
11 anyone here if they can prove liability. They are not in
12 the real estate business. But you have spent so much
13 money south of the firing line for Jefferson County and
14 specifically for Jefferson County to benefit really, not
15 Ripley County or Jennings County, is not going to benefit
16 that much more, why hasn't there been some money set
17 aside for Ripley County and Jennings County under the
18 circumstances that the contamination, you know of the
19 property that we have left? You all come in here and
20 everybody - I think everybody here knows the story about
21 the farmers and everybody leaving for the government.
22 You all - the government - the Army came in and
23 contaminated this place and made it unusable. And there
24 were jobs. You closed them down and you left. Don't -
25 doesn't the Army really think that somehow through the

1 community, through industrial park, something, they've
2 got some money for these counties?

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4 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

5 Well the -- the --

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7 **MR. MICHAEL SWANGO:**

8 You know your hundred thousand
9 dollars (\$100,000) for us to understand your documents is
10 - is like taking us to McDonald's for a Happy Meal. You
11 know that's real sad. That's what the Army is offering.

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13 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

14 Well the Army - what we can't - doing
15 what we can do and because we're chartered by
16 administration to do redevelopment in - in President
17 Clinton's Five (5) Point Program, what we can do is try
18 to encourage redevelopment of what was there of the
19 cantonment, of the industrial area that can be reused.
20 There are over a hundred (100) jobs, just over a hundred
21 (100) jobs back there now at the Proving Ground.
22 Recognized that's not what was there when the Proving
23 Ground was closed. And in the closure process there were
24 about four hundred (400) jobs in there. Last year there
25 were - I guess there were about a hundred (100) there

1 when we closed, eighty-five (85) to a hundred (100) jobs
2 when we finally finished up in '95. But what we can do
3 is try and put the jobs back in where it is possible. I
4 think what you're saying is okay I understand that but
5 what can you do up here if you can't - I guess where
6 you're going if you can't do anything inside the box,
7 what can be done outside the box? That's not a part of
8 the Department of Defense. That is a part of - of the
9 Commerce Department and there is a representative, Julie
10 Berry, who does work on those kinds of community
11 development issues. For example about four (4) months
12 ago Julie applied for a grant to do comprehensive - a
13 comprehensive zoning and development study outside of the
14 Proving Ground boundaries to look at what's outside the
15 box. You know outside the boundaries what can be done
16 out there? The Defense Department, Office of Economic
17 Adjustment supported that. And that was funded by a
18 combination of - of federal monies.

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20 **MR. PHIL MANN:**

21 I think what people would like to see
22 Mike is some of that federal money stay inside the --
23 while Julie Berry and all those people up there that work
24 inside D.C. to actually come down here in Ripley County.
25 And I think that everybody here should write a

1 Congressman and say that the Army needs to pay for the
2 property. They need to pay property taxes on that
3 installation. It's not used for the defense of the
4 nation. They need to pay up. As long as they were using
5 it for the defense of the nation we will stand by and
6 watch and we wouldn't take any payment. But when they
7 quit they need to pay. I believe that.

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9 **MR. ALBERT GEISLER:**

10 I do too.

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12 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

13 Any other comments or questions? Yes
14 sir?

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16 **MR. ALBERT GEISLER:**

17 I live in Monroe Township. Ken can
18 tell you. We have a lot of trouble out of fire
19 departments. And as you know seventy-five (75) to eighty
20 (80) percent of it it lays in the south end of the
21 Proving Ground. And we've been getting kind of hit hard
22 on tax purposes. Like I said about taxes. And I reckon
23 the trustees depended on the Proving Ground to be the
24 primary fire department, which it actually wasn't, which
25 you know I knew it and a lot of people didn't. It was

1 kind of courtesy and public relations when they did come
2 out. Now we've got to fund out own fire department and
3 everything and there's a hundred and fifteen (115)
4 families in Monroe Township that's paying taxes. When is
5 these people in here inside the Proving Ground coming in
6 these factories, when are they going to start paying for
7 township and property tax and all this other?

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9 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

10 When the property is transferred to
11 Mr. Ford then as I understand it it would come upon the
12 public tax roles an they would be obligated to do that.

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14 **MR. ALBERT GEISLER:**

15 Well what's going to help us now?
16 Because there's a lot of - a lot of people that are --

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18 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

19 Well you are paying your taxes for
20 your fire protection on your property. What's wrong with
21 that?

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23 **MR. ALBERT GEISLER:**

24 Well at the time we wasn't the way I
25 understood it.

1 MS. LINDA GREENE:

2 Good point.

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4 MR. MIKE EARLY:

5 No. The Army had a reciprocal
6 agreement that if there was a fire on post that could not
7 be handled by as I believe is correct, and we have this
8 at most of our installations, community like that the
9 Army will have a reciprocal agreement with one (1) or
10 more fire departments in the community that if there is a
11 fire on the military installation and it is beyond the
12 capability of that fire department the community fire
13 departments will come and help respond. The other piece
14 of that is if there is a fire in the community that's
15 beyond the capability of the community fire department
16 and the government fire department can respond as part of
17 the reciprocal agreement they will. They will do that.

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19 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

20 We had that for years.

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22 MR. MIKE EARLY:

23 Yeah there is no --
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1 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

2 I'm concerned right now that
3 Jefferson Proving Ground has closed down.

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5 MR. MIKE EARLY:

6 Right.

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8 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

9 The fire department.

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11 MR. MIKE EARLY:

12 Correct.

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14 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

15 We've been given the information as
16 taxpayers that we had fire protection. All of a sudden
17 it came up and we didn't have any.

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19 MR. MIKE EARLY:

20 But you have the same community fire
21 protection that you have always had. What is not there
22 now and I agree with you is that the Army fire department
23 is not there now. But the intent of the Army fire
24 department was never to provide fire protection for your
25 community.

1 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

2 I know that. No it never was. It
3 just give the impression as to that.

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5 MR. MIKE EARLY:

6 And the Army is - we have contracted
7 with some of the local fire companies to provide fire
8 protection service on Jefferson Proving Ground for those
9 Army buildings that are there and that are vacant. So we
10 are paying - the Army is paying for their fire protection
11 service from the community.

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13 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

14 But the question I had wasn't about
15 that. I know all about that contract and the Army.

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17 MR. MIKE EARLY:

18 Un-huh (yes).

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20 MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

21 And at the south end and the north
22 end. The fire department of New Marion and Madison Town
23 or Ryker's Ridge. But we was sold out you might as well
24 say when the Army sold out the range pret near.

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MS. LINDA GREENE:

Well you've got something with
Ryker's Ridge and Madison Township don't you?

MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

We didn't have no contract with
nobody.

MS. LINDA GREENE:

Well I know you didn't immediately
but you do now.

MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

Right. We had to come up with all
the money.

MS. LINDA GREENE:

Right.

MR. ALBERT GEISLER:

You get a hundred and fifteen (115)
families hit by a big tax bill they kind of get
concerned.

1 MR. BOB HUDSON:

2 But what happened though since that
3 township didn't opt - didn't need a fire company of their
4 own, that township did not need one, because they relied
5 upon the Proving Ground, in essence they rode along for
6 about fifty (50) years free, a free ride. And now
7 they've got to pay.

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9 MR. MIKE EARLY:

10 Now the truth comes out. You had a
11 free ride.

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13 MR. BOB HUDSON:

14 Now all of a sudden they have to pony
15 up the money and it's difficult because it's such a few
16 families in that township.

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18 MS. LINDA GREENE:

19 That's right.

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21 MR. BOB HUDSON:

22 The Army recognized it's going to be
23 a problem on them but they didn't have a - there wasn't
24 any way to help them.
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1 MR. MIKE EARLY:

2 We did provide on closure, we did
3 provide some fire equipment to some of the local
4 communities. I don't know - recall what distribution
5 was.

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7 MR. BOB HUDSON:

8 But they didn't have fire department.
9 They couldn't even get the equipment.

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11 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

12 Any other comments or questions? I
13 don't have anything else. Richard do you have any
14 closing remarks?

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16 MR. RICHARD HILL:

17 Maybe just a couple. To address
18 something Bill was talking about the low turn out of
19 people, you know I think we all understand a lot of the
20 reasons. But I was at a meeting in Chicago a couple of
21 weeks ago with some other RABs in the midwest and even
22 some that are in pretty large metropolitan areas that
23 have what I consider pretty big problems to look at.
24 They have a hard time getting people to come out too.
25 People are more interested in other things a lot of

1 times. I know that doesn't help you any but I wanted to
2 throw that in.

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4 MR. BILL CORNING:

5 Well it's just like we've all been
6 together and I ask a question and I know what your answer
7 is going to be before I even ask it.

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9 MR. RICHARD HILL:

10 We usually know what the question is
11 you're going to ask.

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13 MR. BILL CORNING:

14 That's right.

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16 MR. MIKE EARLY:

17 Bill why don't you just tell us
18 question two (2) and we will tell you answer two (2)?
19 And you know we can keep this shorter.

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21 MR. BILL CORNING:

22 Well at least this way I get out of
23 the house.

1 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

2 Any other comments Richard?

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4 MR. RICHARD HILL:

5 Well I have a question also about the
6 TAPP grant funding. But I will try to be real brief on
7 this. But let's just take the example you gave about the
8 remedial investigation. Would there not be a certain
9 time frame that that has to be responded in and would it
10 not be hard to get all this TAPP grant together and get
11 somebody to review it and all that within a comment
12 period on something like that?

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14 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

15 The short answer is yes. But a
16 little longer answer would be only because we are at the
17 very beginning of that process. And it would be one (1)
18 of the first ones that would get processed and cycled
19 through the system and it hasn't been done before. The
20 current schedule shows the RI to come out in May of this
21 year. If as we expect the final regulation for the TAPP
22 fund comes out in February then what I would suggest the
23 community members do is get their applications in as soon
24 as possible and get it up to the front of the line so
25 it's one (1) of the first ones and they can get that

1 process so that it might be applicable to them. But that
2 will not be the only document that's going to be coming
3 out. What comes out after that is a feasibility study
4 which analyzes the various mechanisms to clean up what
5 has been identified and that may be even of more interest
6 to the community then you know watch this. Because I
7 think most of the people know that for the greatest
8 extent that environmentally soil contamination with heavy
9 metals has some diesel petroleum and solvents. Now those
10 are not big issues and they are not wide spread. But how
11 it's going to be cleaned up and where it's going to go
12 and to what levels it's going to be cleaned up might be
13 of more interest. And that would be something that they
14 could also comply with.

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16 MR. BOB HUDSON:

17 And it would be an advantage to go
18 through the process before they write a book of rules.

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20 MR. RICHARD HILL:

21 Yeah.

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23 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

24 That's exactly right. Any other
25 comment or question on that?

1 MR. BOB HUDSON:

2 No that's fine.

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4 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

5 Yes sir?

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7 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

8 One (1) final question. How many new
9 roads did the Army build around the Proving Ground
10 shortly before it closed around the perimeter on the
11 inside?

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13 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

14 We didn't build any new roads.

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16 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

17 Or added any sections of new roads
18 that previously wasn't there within the last ten (10)
19 years?

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21 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

22 I'm not familiar. Go ahead.

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24 MR. STEVE VAUGHN:

25 Just from outside the fence you can

1 notice a lot of road at several different places. I was
2 just wondering if there's any - there's a lot of laws out
3 there now that we can't let this ground erode away. You
4 know it has to be - it has to be contained. I was
5 wondering if Fish and Wildlife was going to address that
6 subject or the military or are we going to continue to
7 let the roads lay?

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9 MR. PAUL CLOUD:

10 Go ahead Mike.

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12 MR. MIKE EARLY:

13 The perimeter of any roads are part
14 of the - the maintenance of the perimeter of roads north
15 of the firing line are part of our agreement that I told
16 you earlier with the Air National Guard. And they will
17 be working to maintain the perimeter roads and some of
18 the interior road network north of the firing line. Some
19 of those roads will be maintained at a lesser level and
20 some will not be maintained at all because there is no
21 reason for them to be maintained. Those were roads that
22 perhaps go into a specific firing position or a specific
23 impact area and there's no longer a need to get into
24 those areas. We are not going to maintain those roads
25 and we don't expect the Air National Guard to maintain

1 those roads.

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3 **MR. STEVE VAUGHN:**

4 Basically what I'm talking about is
5 where Otter Creek enters the Proving Ground -- on the
6 outside and they recently tore out the floor gate that
7 had been put in within the last ten (10) years and you
8 know stuff in that area is still --

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10 **MR. MIKE EARLY:**

11 Your point is well taken. And that
12 is a specific issue that Ken over there on the site team
13 deals with on a day to day basis. Part of that may be
14 Guard responsibility. Part of that is Army
15 responsibility. We do watch out for that. And - and the
16 east perimeter road is a major route as you are aware to
17 travel up and down the Proving ground to get inside.

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19 **MR. STEVE VAUGHN:**

20 Yes.

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22 **MR. PAUL CLOUD:**

23 If there are no further comments or
24 questions I would like to thank everyone for coming to
25 the meeting. Again make sure you pick up our handout.

1 Make sure you sign in on our attendance sheet so that we
2 can keep you on the mailing list and make you aware of
3 future meetings. Our next meeting will be March 18th.
4 It's a Wednesday and will be at North Vernon at the
5 Public Library. Again that's a Wednesday at 7 P.M. You
6 will get a separate letter in the mail before that
7 meeting and also the items that will be on the agenda for
8 that meeting. So without further ado I would like to
9 thank everyone again and close the meeting and see you at
10 the next meeting.

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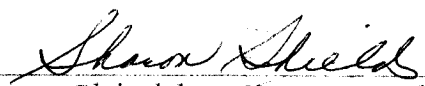
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I, Sharon Shields, do hereby certify that I am
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of Indiana, duly authorized and qualified to administer
oaths; That the foregoing public hearing was taken by me
in shorthand and on a tape recorder on February 3, 1998
in the Versailles High School, Versailles, IN; That
this public hearing was taken on behalf of the Jefferson
Proving Ground Restoration Advisory Board pursuant to
agreement for taking at this time and place; That the
testimony of the witnesses was reduced to typewriting by
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I further certify that pursuant to stipulation
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WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this 13th
day of February, 1998.


Sharon Shields, Notary Public
Jefferson County, State of Indiana

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